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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-18, 22-57 and 61-67 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A closure device comprising:
a first fastening strip;
a second fastening strip;
a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw and a second jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw and second jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis, wherein said first jaw and said second jaw are located at the first end of the slider and wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

2. (Amended) The invention as in claim 1 having a second end stop at said second end and